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Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1971.

Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year Home Population was 8,470 which was an increase of 440 from that of the previous year.

Live Births and Birth Rate

The number of live births was 113 (53M. 60F.) which was an increase of 6 from that of the previous year and the crude birth-rate was accordingly 13.3 which after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor which allows comparison with other Districts the rate becomes 15.7 being slightly lower than that of 16.0 for England and Wales.

Stillbirths and Rate

There was one stillbirth registered during the year and the corresponding rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births was 9.0 which was lower than that of 12.0 for England and Wales.

Infant Deaths and Mortality Rate

Two deaths were registered and the infantile mortality rate was 18.0, the same as that for England and Wales.

Causes of death were as follow:-

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Dehydration and heart failure.) | 3 Months |
| Gastro-Enteritis) | |
| Breech delivery) | 2 Hours |
| Bilateral Hydronephrosis due to) | |
| Congenital Obstruction) | |
| Intrauterine Anoxia & Atelectosis) | |

The hard core of causes of Perinatal Mortality (i.e. stillbirths and deaths of infants under one week of age) comprises prematurity, asphyxia and atelectasis, birth injuries and congenital malformations and the most important maternal factor is toxæmia of pregnancy.

Maternal Deaths and Mortality Rate

This rate was nil as there were no deaths due to Pregnancy, Child-birth and Abortion and is a reflection of the high standard of modern obstetric practice.

Total Deaths and Death Rate

The total number of deaths from all causes was 117 (57M. 60F.) and the corresponding crude death rate was 13.8 which after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor, as for births, becomes 12.0 compared with that of 11.6 for England and Wales.

The majority of deaths were amongst the aged from natural causes, namely Heart and Circulatory Diseases and Vascular lesions of the Nervous System - of those there were 55.

Coronary Atheroma of the Heart is also not an uncommon cause of death, often unsuspected in life, as revealed by post-mortem examinations.

Ischaemic Heart Disease was the cause of 34 deaths in the following age groups:- 3 between 55 - 64; 9 between 65 - 74 and 22 over 75 years. Thirty-one of these deaths were in the 65+ age-group.

Cancer, as invariably in previous years, was the second highest cause of deaths of which there were 17 in the following age-groups:- 5 between 55 - 64; 9 between 65 - 74, and 3 over 75 years.

Cancer of the Lung/Bronchus caused 4 deaths (3M. 1F.) in the following age-groups:- 1 between 55 - 64; 3 between 65 - 74.

There were no deaths from Cancer of the Breast.

Cancer causes a relentless toll of human lives all over the world and is invariably the second highest cause of deaths of which heart and arterial diseases are the chief cause; the majority of the latter cases are due to old age and coronary thrombosis. However, many deaths from Cancer occur in younger age-groups, usually over the age of 40 years. The majority are in all probability due to delay by patients in seeking medical advice, having regard also to the fact that the onset of the disease is insidious or latent.

It is an old adage that 'prevention is better than cure', and there is sufficient modern knowledge about the cause of some forms of Cancer to enable their prevention.

Modern surgery and X-rays and other radiations used, singly or in combination, have transformed the treatment of this group of diseases.

Almost all skin Cancers and over 80% of Cancers of the Cervix of the Uterus can be cured if they are treated early.

The other causes of death were miscellaneous and there was no exceptional mortality. There were no deaths due to the Infectious Diseases.

Infectious Diseases

Measles - Fifty-three cases were notified compared with 105 in the previous year. Measles is still endemic and prevalent although vaccination is an inhibiting factor in the prevention of larger outbreaks; the serious complications of former years are now relatively infrequent and when they do occur are usually treated successfully by specific anti-biotics.

Scarlet Fever

There was one case of Scarlet Fever notified during the year compared with two in the previous year.

Infective Jaundice

There were no cases of Infective Jaundice compared with none notified during the previous year.

Whooping Cough

There were four cases of Whooping Cough notified during the year.

A new era in the history of the prevalence of serious Infectious Diseases has been reached, in prevention and treatment. For example, the remarkable advance in this Century of medical science, with emphasis on the last 40 years, has prevented by vaccination and immunisation lethal and disabling infections such as Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough and recently Measles and German Measles and by treatment with specific Anti-biotics and Sulpha drugs, diseases caused by bacteria such as Acute Meningitis, the Pneumonias, Puerperal Sepsis, Scarlet Fever, Erysipelas, Typhoid, Paratyphoid Fevers, and Food Poisoning etc.

Influenza, which is still epidemic in the winter months is by and large the most dangerous infection and it is still equivocal whether vaccination is preventive, unless a vaccine specific to the strain which is likely to become epidemic is prepared in time before the epidemic occurs.

All virus infections per se do not respond to treatment by the Anti-biotics or Sulpha drugs, but fortunately serious complications caused by bacteria usually respond successfully to treatment.

Vaccination against the virus of Measles has recently been introduced, and it is expected that the biennial outbreaks which occur will be eventually controlled. Vaccination is available at the Child Welfare Clinics and from the Family Doctor.

Vaccination against German Measles has also been recently introduced for girls aged about 11 - 14 years which would prevent congenital malformations amongst babies whose mothers might suffer from this infection during the early months of pregnancy.

Vaccination against Smallpox was discontinued at Child Welfare Centres on 30th July, 1971 as the Department of Health and Social Security consider mass vaccination of the child population to be unnecessary.

Tuberculosis

No new cases of Pulmonary or Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year. There were two deaths due to late effects of Tuberculosis of patients not previously recorded in Tuberculosis Register - both were over 75 years of age.

This disease, which in past medical history has been a scourge of man, and was known as the 'White Plague' is in these days almost completely under control, by prevention (including the elimination of housing overcrowding and a higher standard of living), and by treatment. Since 1950, the number of cases amongst adolescents amongst whom it was most common, has gradually decreased to a minimum. Protection of school children by B.C.G. vaccination, which is offered to those aged 13 years and over, has been an important factor.

Food Poisoning

There were no cases of Food Poisoning notified during the year, This fact is an excellent tribute to the invaluable routine preventive work in Food Hygiene carried through by the Public Health Inspectorate.

In conclusion, I would state that the Public Health of the District was very satisfactory throughout the year and I would wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for your interest in and support of the Department and also the staff for their co-operation and very efficient service.

I am,

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14, Church Rd.,
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Your obedient Servant,
J. MARSHALL M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE

DISTRICT

FOR 1971.

Area ... 38,002 acres

Registrar-General's Estimate of:-

| | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| The Resident Population | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8,470 |
| <u>Number of Inhabited Houses According to the</u> | | | | | |
| <u>Rate Books</u> | ... | | | | 3,048 |
| <u>Rateable Value</u> | ... | ... | ... | ... | £227,586 |
| <u>Sum Represented by a Penny Rate</u> | ... | ... | ... | ... | £2,230 |

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Tenterden Rural District is predominantly agricultural in its character - there are only a few light industries and generally social conditions are satisfactory.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

| | | | | | <u>Tenterden</u> <u>Rural</u> <u>District</u> | <u>England</u> <u>and</u> <u>Wales</u> |
|--|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|---|--|
| | <u>Total</u> | <u>M.</u> | <u>F.</u> | | | |
| 1. <u>Live Births</u> | 113 | 53 | 60 | Birth Rate | 13.3 | 16.0 |
| (a) Legitimate | 104 | 50 | 54 | per 1,000 | (Adjusted | |
| (b) Illegitimate | 9 | 3 | 6 | estimated | Rate) | |
| | | | | resident | 15.7 | |
| | | | | population | | |
| 2. <u>Stillbirths</u> | 1 | - | 1 | Rate per | 9.0 | 12.0 |
| (a) Legitimate | 1 | - | 1 | 1,000 total | | |
| (b) Illegitimate | - | - | - | (live and | | |
| | | | | still) births | | |
| 3. <u>Total live and</u> <u>stillbirths</u> | 114 | 53 | 61 | | | |
| 4. <u>Deaths</u> | 117 | 57 | 60 | Death Rate | 13.8 | 11.6 |
| | | | | per 1,000 | (Adjusted | |
| | | | | resident | Rate | |
| | | | | population | 12.0 | |
| 5. <u>Deaths from</u> <u>Pregnancy, Child-</u> <u>Birth, Abortion</u> | - | - | - | Rate per | - | Not |
| | | | | 1,000 live | | Available |
| | | | | births | | |
| 6. <u>Deaths of Infants</u> <u>Under One Year of</u> <u>Age</u> | 2 | 1 | 1 | Rate per | 18.0 | 18.0 |
| | | | | 1,000 live | | |
| | | | | births | | |
| (a) Legitimate | 2 | 1 | 1 | Rate per | 19.0 | 17.0 |
| | | | | 1,000 live | | |
| | | | | births | | |
| | | | | (Legitimate) | | |
| (b) Illegitimate | - | - | - | Rate per | - | 24.0 |
| | | | | 1,000 live | | |
| | | | | births | | |
| | | | | (Illegitimate) | | |
| 7. <u>Perinatal Mortality</u> (Stillbirths and deaths of infants under 1 week of age) | 1 | 1 | - | Rate per | 18.0 | 22.0 |
| | | | | 1,000 total | | |
| | | | | births | | |
| (a) Legitimate | 1 | 1 | - | | | |
| (b) Illegitimate | - | - | - | | | |
| 8. <u>Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births</u> | | | | | 8% | |

CAUSES OF DEATH IN TENTERDEN RURAL DISTRICT
DURING 1971

| <u>All Causes</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> |
|--|--------------|----------------|
| Late Effects or Respiratory T.B. | 1 | 1 |
| Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases | - | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus | 1 | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach | 1 | - |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine | 1 | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus | 3 | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus | - | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate | 1 | - |
| Other Malignant Neoplasms | 4 | 2 |
| Other Endocrine etc. Diseases | - | 1 |
| Other Diseases of Nervous System | - | 1 |
| Hypertensive Disease | 1 | 1 |
| Ischaemic Heart Disease | 17 | 17 |
| Other Forms of Heart Disease | 2 | 2 |
| Cerebrovascular Disease | 5 | 12 |
| Other Diseases of Circulatory System | 2 | 1 |
| Pneumonia | 2 | 4 |
| Bronchitis and Emphysema | 4 | 1 |
| Peptic Ulcer | - | 1 |
| Other Diseases of Digestive System | 2 | 2 |
| Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System | 1 | - |
| Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System | 1 | - |
| Congenital Anomalies | 1 | - |
| Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc. | 1 | - |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | 2 | 2 |
| All Other Accidents | 1 | 4 |
| All Other External Causes | 3 | 3 |
| Total | 57 | 60 |

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality, 1971

| <u>Age Periods</u> | <u>New Cases</u> | | | <u>Deaths</u> | | | <u>Total Cases on Register</u> | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----|--------------------|------------------------|----|--------------------------------|------------------------|----|
| | <u>Respiratory</u> | <u>Non-Respiratory</u> | | <u>Respiratory</u> | <u>Non-Respiratory</u> | | <u>Respiratory</u> | <u>Non-Respiratory</u> | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | |
| 0 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | 32 | 37 | 14 |
| 1 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 35 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 55 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 65 & upwards | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTALS | - | - | - | - | - | - | 32 | 37 | 14 |
| | | | | | | | | | 6 |

There were 2 deaths from Old Tuberculosis - both patients were over 65-yrs. & not previously notified as suffering from this disease.

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

Year Ending 31 December, 1971

Treatment Centre - Ashford Hospital

| Local Health Authority area of residence of patient | Number of new cases in the year | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------|------------|--------------------------|
| | Totals all Conditions | Syphilis | | Gonorrhoea | Other Genital Infections |
| | | Primary & Secondary | Other | | |
| TENTERDEN RURAL DISTRICT | 8 | - | - | - | 4 |

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows figures for 1971 based on the return sent to the Department of Health and Social Security.

| Year of Birth | Primary | | | | | | Re-Inforcing | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|----------|---------|---------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------|---------|---------|----------------|
| | Triple Antigen | Diph./ Tet. | Smallpox | Tetanus | Measles | Polio-myelitis | Rubella | Triple Antigen | Diph./ Tet. | Smallpox | Tetanus | Measles | Polio-myelitis |
| 1971 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1970 | 65 | 1 | 23 | - | 18 | 69 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1969 | 27 | 1 | 37 | - | 17 | 33 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1968 | - | 1 | 3 | - | 17 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1967 | - | 1 | 2 | - | 5 | - | - | - | 4 | 3 | - | - | 4 |
| 1964-65 | - | 1 | - | - | 4 | - | - | 1 | 15 | 7 | 2 | - | 10 |
| 1966 | - | - | 2 | - | 2 | - | - | 5 | 92 | 7 | - | - | 103 |
| 1955-63 | 1 | 1 | - | 11 | 3 | - | 71 | 1 | 6 | 19 | 9 | - | 5 |
| Total | 93 | 6 | 67 | 11 | 66 | 103 | 71 | 7 | 117 | 36 | 11 | - | 122 |

Smallpox vaccinations at County Clinics were discontinued as from 30th July, 1971.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The supply of water to the area is adequate and none of the supplies is plumbo-solvent.

(A) Examination of Water Supplies during the year

| | <u>Bacteriological</u> | | | <u>Chemical</u> | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | No. of Samples | Satis- factory | Not satis- factory | No. of Samples | Satis- factory | Not satis- factory |
| Statutory supply undertakings | 14 | 14 | - | 4 | 4 | - |
| Private sources piped to dwellings | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other private sources | | | | | | |

- (B) (i) Number of dwellings not supplied by public water mains or other adequate piped supplies ... 8
- (ii) Number of dwellings in the area ... 3,205 (including residential caravans)
- (C) No extensions to water mains were carried out during the year.

SEWAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Additions and improvements being carried out to sewerage systems and sewage disposal works at Biddenden and Woodchurch. Main drainage of Kenardington approved (joint scheme with Warehorne (East Ashford R.D.C.)).

FOOD (INCLUDING ICE CREAM AND MILK) AND FOOD PREPARING PREMISES

- (i) (a) The number of food premises in the area ... 69
- (b) The number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955
- (i) Retailers of Ice Cream ... 28
- (ii) Preparation and manufacture of Sausages and Preserved Foods etc. ... 8
- (c) The number of inspections of registered food premises ... 220
- (d) The method of disposal of condemned food - Collected by Glue and Chemical Company.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of inspection of:-

| | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Licensed Premises | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24 |
| Bakehouses | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Butchers & meat products manufacturers | ... | ... | ... | ... | 176 |

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955 (continued)

| | | | | | |
|---|------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Catering Establishments and Clubs | | ... | ... | ... | 44 |
| Dairies | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Fish (including fried) | | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Slaughterhouses | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 |
| Stalls, Itinerant Vendors & delivery vans | ... | ... | ... | ... | 39 |
| All other Food Premises | ... | ... | ... | ... | 49 |

Number of Informal (including Verbal) Notices Served (Food & Drugs Act - Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Number of Food Premises improved as a result of notices served | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
|--|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|

Inspection of Food and Food-Preparing Premises

- (A) Brief particulars of any action taken, including inspections of meat and other foods, slaughterhouses, stalls, vehicles and food-preparing places:-
1. Minor improvements to slaughterhouses and food premises as a results of informal action.
 2. Informal action was taken in connection with mouldy bread and cake, and suspected adulterated sugar, all supplied to shops by firms outside the area. As a result of a report of an unsatisfactory meal taken outside the district a report was made to the appropriate authority and necessary action was taken.
- (B) Observations on manufacture and sale of ice cream in accordance with the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947 - 1959:-
- None manufactured. Wrapped Ice Cream kept in approved conservators in shops and one storage premises.

Number of samples of Ice Cream taken for bacteriological examination during the year and results obtained

| | <u>Sample</u> | <u>Grades</u> | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---|---|---|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Sold loose | - | - | - | - | - |
| Wrapped or part wrapped | 3 | 2 | 1 | - | - |

MILK AND DAIRIES

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----------------------|
| No. of registered distributors | ... | ... | 13 (includes 7 shops) |
| No. of registered dairies | ... | ... | 6 |

What bacteriological examinations of washed churns, bottles and other dairy equipment are carried out as routine? None - wholesale bottled milk only sold by distributors.

Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963

Samples taken in course of distribution:-

| | <u>No. of Samples taken</u> | <u>No. of Samples which failed</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Pasteurised Milk | 6 | Phosphatase Test: Nil |
| | | M.B. Test: Nil |
| Sterilised Milk | - | Turbidity Test: Nil |
| Ultra Heat Treatment Milk | - | Colony Count Test: Nil |
| Untreated Milk | - | M.B. Test: Nil |

MEAT INSPECTION

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

| | Cattle Excluding Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep & Lambs | Pigs | Horses |
|--|-----------------------------|------|--------|---------------------|------|--------|
| Number killed (if known) | 101 | - | - | 174 | 122 | - |
| Number inspected | 101 | - | - | 174 | 122 | - |
| <u>All diseases except tubercu- losis and cysticerci</u> | | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | 22 | - | - | 5 | 18 | - |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis & cysticerci | 23% | - | - | 3% | 15½% | - |
| <u>Tuberculosis only</u> | | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis | - | - | - | - | 1% | - |
| <u>Cysticercosis</u> | | | | | | |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Generalised and totally condemned | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Number of Slaughterhouses in use

| <u>Slaughterhouses/Abattoirs</u> <u>in operation owned or leased</u> <u>by Local Authority</u> | <u>Private</u> <u>Slaughterhouses</u> | | <u>Bacon</u> <u>Factories</u> | <u>Knackers</u> <u>Yards</u> |
|--|--|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | <u>Licensed</u> | <u>Operating</u> | | |
| Nil | 2 | 2 | - | - |

Percentage of slaughtered animals inspected for the purpose of
Food & Drugs Act, 1955 100%

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

| <u>Unsound Food Surrendered</u> | <u>Cwts.</u> | <u>lbs.</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Meat at Slaughterhouse | 10 | 62 |
| Meat at Retail Shops | 5 | 10 |
| Total weight condemned | 15 | 72 |

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

Houses in clearance areas and unfit houses elsewhere

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|--|--|--------|
| A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED | IN OR ADJOINING CLEARANCE AREAS declared under Section 42 of the Housing Act, 1957 | Unfit for human habitation | Number of houses Number of separate dwellings therein | - - |
| | | Included by reason of bad arrangement | Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - - |
| | | On land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957 | Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - - |
| | NOT IN OR ADJOINING CLEARANCE AREAS | As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 16 or 17(1) Housing Act, 57. | Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - - |
| | | Local authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health | Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - - |
| | | Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts | Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - - |
| | | Houses included in unfitness orders made under Para. 2 of the Second Schedule to Land Compensation Act, 61. | Number of houses Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - - |

| | | | |
|---|--|---|---|
| A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED | Number of separate dwellings included above which were previously reported as closed in pursuance of closing orders or undertakings. | Reported as closed up to 31st Dec. 1964. | - |
| | | Reported as closed since 31st Dec. 1964. | - |
| B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED in pursuance of closing orders or undertakings | Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957 and Section 26 Housing Act, 1961 | Number of houses | 1 |
| | | Number of separate dwellings contained therein | 1 |
| | Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957 | Number of houses | - |
| | | Number of separate dwellings contained therein. | - |
| C. Number of PERSONS DISPLACED | PARTS OF BUILDINGS CLOSED under Section 18 Housing Act, 1957. | | - |
| | From houses to be demolished in or adjoining clearance areas | | - |
| | From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas | | 1 |
| | From houses to be closed | | - |
| D. Number of FAMILIES DISPLACED | From parts of buildings to be closed | | - |
| | From houses to be demolished in or adjoining clearance areas | | - |
| | From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas | | 1 |
| | From houses to be closed | | - |
| E. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT | From parts of buildings to be closed | | - |
| | After informal action by local authority | By owner | 3 |
| | After formal notice under Section 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957 | (a) By owner | 1 |
| | | (b) By local Authority | - |
| | After formal notice under Public Health Acts | | - |
| | Previously included in a clearance order which has been or will be modified or revoked under Section 24 Housing Act, 1961 | | - |
| | Previously included in a demolition order which has been or will be revoked under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957 | | - |
| | Previously included in a Closing Order which has been or will be determined under Section 27 Housing Act, 1957. | | 1 |

| | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|---|
| F. HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED (Other than unfit houses made fit) after formal notice under Public Health Acts | | | | 2 |
| G. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957) | Retained for temporary accommodation | Under Section 48 | Number of houses | - |
| | | | Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| | | Under Sec. 17(2) | Number of houses | - |
| | | | Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| | | Under Section 46 | Number of houses | - |
| | | | Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| | | Licensed for temporary accommodation under Sec. 34 or 53 - Number of houses | | - |
| H. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT | Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed orders or compulsory purchase orders | | Number of houses | - |
| | | | Number of occupants | - |

IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS - GRANTS

Number of schemes submitted and approved for works of improvement or conversion, including total costs, the grants made and the number of houses concerned.

| | | | <u>Discretionary</u> | <u>Standard</u> |
|-------------------|-----|-----|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. No. of schemes | ... | ... | 23 | 3 |
| 2. No. approved | ... | ... | 23 | 3 |
| 3. No. of houses | ... | ... | 23 | 3 |
| 4. Cost | ... | ... | £39,701 | £1,050 |
| 5. Grants | ... | ... | £15,075 | £525 |

No. of houses still requiring improvement - 232.

INSPECTIONS - Summary of inspections made:-

Public Health Act, 1936 and Housing Act, 1957

| | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Number of inspections of dwellings re. repairs | ... | ... | ... | 26 |
| Number of dwellings made fit | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Number of inspections for purposes of Sections 16/17 Housing Act (Demolition & Closing Orders) | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Number of inspections of clearance areas | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Number of inspections for general survey and assessment | ... | ... | ... | 62 |

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958

Housing Subsidies and Standard Grant

| | | |
|---|-----|----|
| Number of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants | ... | 15 |
| Number of inspections in connection with Standard Grants | ... | 5 |

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 and Rents Act, 1957
Housing Act, 1969

| | | |
|--|--------|---|
| Number of inspections re Certificates of Disrepair ... | ... | 3 |
| Number of inspections re Certificates as to Remedying of Defects | | - |

Housing (General)

| | | |
|---|-----|---|
| Number of inspections re housing applications ... | ... | 2 |
|---|-----|---|

Public Health Act

Number of inspections re:-

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|----|
| Tents, Vans and Sheds | ... | 48 |
| Aged and Infirm Persons | | 1 |
| Vermin | | 59 |
| Dirty Houses | | - |
| Offensive accumulations | | 22 |
| Offensive Odours | | 18 |
| Nuisance from keeping of Animals | | 1 |

NOTICES SERVED

| | <u>Informal</u> | <u>Formal</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Public Health Acts | 10 | 1 |
| Housing Acts. | 5 | 1 |

ANALYSIS OF DEFECTS REMEDIED UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AND HOUSING ACTS

i. House structure

(a) External

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|---|
| Chimney stacks | ... | 1 |
| Roof | ... | 3 |
| Gutters and fall pipes | ... | 2 |
| Brickwork, pointing and rendering | ... | - |
| Windows (including cords) | ... | 2 |
| Doors | ... | - |
| Decorations | ... | - |
| Outbuildings | ... | - |
| Yard Surfacing | ... | - |

(b) Internal

| | | |
|--|-----|----|
| Plasterwork (walls and ceilings) | ... | - |
| Doors and Cupboards | ... | - |
| Fireplaces and stoves | ... | 1 |
| Staircases | ... | - |
| Floors (including under floor ventilation) | ... | 1 |
| Miscellaneous repairs | ... | 13 |

ii. Dampness to dwelling

| | | |
|--------|-----|----|
| Walls | ... | 3 |
| Floors | ... | 10 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| iii. | <u>Foodstore to dwellings</u> | | | | | | | |
| | Made satisfactory | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| | Provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| iv. | <u>Water Supply to Dwellings</u> | | | | | | | |
| | Well supplies made adequate and safe | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| | Wells discontinued and main water provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| | Service piping renewed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| | Sinks renewed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| | Drainers renewed or provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| v. | <u>Sanitary Conveniences to Dwellings (including compartments)</u> | | | | | | | |
| | Repairs | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| | New Provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| | Conversions to W.C.'s from pail closets | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| vi. | <u>Ventilation of dwellings</u> | | | | | | | |
| | Improved | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| | <u>Drainage - general</u> | | | | | | | |
| | Drains renewed or repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21 |
| | Drains cleared | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| viii. | <u>Natural lighting of dwellings</u> | | | | | | | |
| | Improved | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| ix. | <u>Stability of Buildings Remedied</u> | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| x. | Dustbins renewed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |

HOUSING

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (i) | No. of families on Council's waiting list at 31st December, 1971 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 212 |
| (ii) | No. of Council houses built during the year | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
| (iii) | No. of Private houses built during the year | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 |

SUPERVISION OF HOP-PICKERS CAMPS

There are now only five small camps in the area and these are used mainly for caravan dwellers during the hop picking season. The estimated number of occupants is 100.

CARAVAN SITES

| <u>Names and Addresses of Licensed Sites</u> | <u>No. of Caravans on each Site</u> | <u>Estimated permanent population</u> |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| (1) White Hart Hotel, Newenden | 6 | - |
| (2) Caravan Park, Woodchurch | 100 | 50 |
| (3) Six Bells Inn, Woodchurch | 30 | 50 |
| (4) Spill Land Farm, Biddenden | 21 | 2 |
| (5) Woodlands, Biddenden | 180 | 150 |

In addition to the above commercial sites there are 10 licensed individual caravans in the district, with an estimated population of twenty persons.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The Council operates a free service for houses where main drainage is not available and during the year 406 tanks were emptied.

DRAINAGE

| | |
|--|-------|
| Total number of inhabited houses (including flats is | 3,048 |
| Total number of houses connected to the sewers ... | 1,888 |
| Number of houses not connected to the sewers ... | 1,160 |
| Number of houses connected to cesspools ... | 1,160 |
| Number of houses with pail closets ... | 20 |

REFUSE COLLECTIONS AND DISPOSAL

Collections are made fortnightly and disposal is at a controlled tip in the district.

SALVAGE

Newspapers are collected with refuse for salvage.

DISINFECTION

Second-hand clothing disinfected periodically before despatch to certain European countries by individuals.

DISINFESTATION

The number of houses found to be infested with vermin was as follows:-

| | <u>Bugs</u> | <u>Fleas</u> | <u>Cockroaches</u> |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Council houses | - | - | - |
| Other houses | - | - | - |

Treatment was carried out for:- Ants 16 (includes 14 Council houses), Flies 5 (includes 3 Council houses), Moles 2 (private houses), Wood Lice 1 (private house), Woodworm 1 (private house), Wasps 31 (including 10 Council houses), Wild Bees 8 (Private houses).

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

| Premises (1) | Number of | | | |
|---|---|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Number Inspections on Reg- ister (2) | Number (3) | Written Notices (4) | Occupiers Prosecuted (5) |
| i. Factories in which Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority. | 8 | 6 | - | - |
| ii. Factories not included in (i) which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. | 27 | 21 | - | - |
| iii. Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises) | 4 | 12 | - | - |
| TOTAL | 39 | 39 | - | - |

2. Cases in which defects were found.

| Particulars | No. of cases in which defects were found | | | | No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted |
|---|--|----------|--|-----|--|
| | Found | Remedied | Referred To H.M. Inspector By H.M. Inspector | | |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective | - | - | - | - | - |
| (c) Not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |

OUTWORK

Part VIII of the Act - Outwork - Sections 110 and 111

There are no Outworkers in the district.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES & FOOD

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

| <u>PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS</u> | <u>TYPE OF PROPERTY</u> | |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>NON- AGRICULTURAL</u> | <u>AGRICULTURAL</u> |
| i. Number of properties in district | 2,743 | 499 |
| ii. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notifications | 77 | 26 |
| (b) Number infested by i) Rats | 63 | 25 |
| ii) Mice | 14 | 1 |
| iii. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notifications | 14 | - |
| (b) Number infested by i) Rats | 13 | - |
| ii) Mice | 1 | - |

